

The Humble
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Of the Right Honourable the
Lords Spiritual and Temporal,
In Parliament Assembled,

PRESENTED TO
H I S M A J E S T Y

On *Friday* the Eighteenth Day of *February*, 1725.

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O*Rdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, That the Address of this House, presented to His Majesty, and His Majesty's most Gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith Printed and Published.*

*W^m Cowper,
Cler' Parliamentor'*

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ADDRESS

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In PARLIAMENT Assembled.

Die Jovis 17 Februarii, 1725.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



E Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, humbly beg leave to return Your Majesty our most hearty Thanks for Your most gracious Condescension in laying the Treaties of Peace and Commerce made at *Vienna*, between his Imperial Majesty and the King of *Spain*, and the Defensive Alliance concluded between Your Majesty, the most Christian King, and the King of *Prussia*, before this House.

The said Treaty of Commerce plainly appears to us, upon our most mature Consideration thereof, to have been calculated with a View to put the Trade of the *Spanish East* and *West Indies* entirely into the Hands of his Imperial Majesty's Subjects, contrary to the Barrier Treaty made between the Emperor and the States General, to which Your Majesty at their Request became Guarantee; as well as in Breach of many solemn Treaties and Engagements to the contrary, between the Crowns of *Great Britain* and *Spain*, and to the inexpressible Damage of the Subjects of this Realm.

We cannot sufficiently express our Sense of the infinite Obligations we lie under to Your Majesty, for Your Care of the Protestant Interest abroad, and of the Trade of this Nation, by concluding, at so critical a Juncture, the above mentioned Defensive Alliance, highly necessary for maintain-

ing the Balance of *Europe*, as well as for the preserving many valuable Rights, Immunities, and Advantages, relating to the Trade of *Britain*; and we assure Your Majesty, that we will stand by and support Your Majesty to the utmost of our Power in the Engagements You have entred into by this Treaty, and in the prosecution of such farther Measures, as Your Majesty in Your great Wisdom shall think proper, for preventing the ill Consequences to the Trade of this Kingdom, by the above mentioned Treaty of Commerce.

We most humbly acknowledge Your Majesty's Goodness in not suffering Your Self to be diverted, through any Suggestions or Insinuations whatsoever, from a Work so necessary to the Welfare of Your *British* Subjects.

They must have the meanest Thoughts of this Nation, who can imagine us capable of tamely suffering any Insult or Indignity to be offer'd to Your Majesty, on Account of Your Majesty's Firmness in maintaining the true Interest and Happiness of Your People: But Justice, Gratitude, and Honour fill our Hearts with very different Sentiments, and make it our indispensable Duty to assure Your Majesty, upon this Occasion, That, if Your Majesty shall be at any time insulted or attacked by any Prince or State whatsoever, in any Part of Your Majesty's Dominions or Territories, not belonging to the Crown of *Great Britain*, in Resentment of such Measures as Your Majesty has taken for preserving and maintaining the Trade and Safety of this Kingdom, and of Your Majesty's having entred into the said Defensive Alliance for that Purpose; we are fully determined, in Vindication of Your Majesty's Honour, to exert our selves to the utmost in defending and protecting such Dominions from any such Insults and Attacks.

HIS MAJESTY'S most Gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

I Thank you kindly for this most Seasonable and Loyal Address; the true Concern you shew for your Country is no less acceptable to Me, than the regard you express for My Honour. The Assurances you give Me in relation to My Territories abroad, will, I am persuaded, contribute very much to the preserving the Publick Peace of Europe; and you may depend upon My making no other Use of that Confidence, which is so firmly established between Us, than to maintain and promote the Welfare of this Kingdom.

